

Communities of Opportunity Design Committee Meeting Notes

July 21, 2014

Attendees: Betsy Jones (King County), Sharon Toquinto, Gordon McHenry, Matias Valenzuela, Michael Brown, Laurie Sylla, Judy de Barros, Aaron Robertson, Jennifer Martin, Kirsten Wysen, Michael Woo, Dinah Wilson, Alice Ito, Deanna Dawson, Deb Srebnik, Bao-Tram Do, Holly Rohr Tran.

Welcome, Review of Agenda

9:15 a.m.

Policy/Systems RFP update

9:20 a.m.

- The Seattle Foundation and King County hosted 2 information sessions which had good turnout
- Approx. 90 applications were received (submission deadline was July 18)
- Plan to distribute awards in Sept.
- Review process:
 - initial screening conducted by Aaron Robertson and Kirsten Wysen;
 - applications will be divided amongst individual review committee members to review (note: seeking additional members – if interested connect with Aaron Robertson);
 - the review committee will meet to discuss, plan site visits and develop recommendations for selections to King County and The Seattle Foundation
 - selections finalized in Sept.

Group input included:

- While it's good to see this much interest, be aware that there could be lots of disappointment for those that aren't chosen. Need robust, transparent communications. Think about stretching/adding to \$.
- Consider implementing a learning community for policy/systems change
- Have each application reviewed by more than one person; is also a learning process for reviewers

Review COO Site Selection Process Document

9:30 a.m.

- **Discuss steps and identify topics that need further discussion (RFP Update)**

The Design Committee provided input regarding the CoO site selection process; staff will incorporate this feedback and bring the plan and timeline back for discussion at the next Design Committee meeting.

Discuss compensating grassroots organizations/groups for participation on the design committee; how to engage community representatives more in this work**11:20 a.m.**

- May present conflicts for those who are paid but are also advising
 - If larger non-profits who compensate their staff are at table with smaller N-Ps, should we still pay them?
 - Would we consider compensation for other activities that require a significant time investment such as application review?
 - Concern about how the community would view an organization if being they are paid for participation. Payment doesn't feel right.
 - Could compensate for process support where there is no clear conflict of interest.
 - Would be better to align County efforts such as Youth Action Plan and HHS Transformation efforts so that the time ask isn't so great.
 - Disproportionality point is between larger and smaller orgs. Maybe there are other ways to support orgs.; Orgs need resources, but not this way.
 - Enable participation by providing other resources: childcare, parking, bus pass, etc.
 - Consider whether meeting times work well for community representatives
 - Develop a general policy regarding compensation with parameters and options
 - Going to need transparency about how folks were selected for compensation.
 - Paid release time. Entity would be reimbursed for time "lost" to the org.
 - Allow folks to apply/opt-in to compensation.
 - Continue to look for options that folks can be comfortable with.
- Input will be solicited from members not present today; staff will work with these ideas and bring this topic back for discussion at the August meeting.

Next Steps**11:30 a.m.**

- In order to see the initial work of the CoO initiative through, this group will be scheduled for 3 additional meetings; Aug., Sept., and early Oct. Bao-Tram will send a doodle scheduling poll.
- King County and The Seattle Foundation are planning for a long-term/ongoing governance structure for CoO.
- There will be links between 3 places selected and the governance body
 - Staffing structure will support governance – Kirsten is point person

- Guiding bodies (King County Advising Partners Group and The Seattle Foundation's Center for Community Partnerships Advisory Committee) are reaching the ends of their limited terms; future oversight is TBD.
- Next Design Committee meeting will include review examples of strategies we can offer to communities and have some dialogue about evaluation.

Next meeting: To be scheduled for August